

This statement was generally composed by another person, but it represents my feeling very accurately. You need to READ IT: I have modified the original to better reflect my particular thoughts.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. They don't feel the weight of their responsibility to provide balanced content about the important issues affecting the country.

They can damage our democracy and take a monetary penalty after the fact...that is appalling!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you for your attention.